

EXECUTIVE ORDER

No. 85-18

WHEREAS, the children of the State of Arizona are our most important responsibility; and

WHEREAS, the economic, social and emotional climate in which children are growing up has dramatically changed over the last decade, jeopardizing the health and well-being of an increasing number of Arizona's children and youth; and

WHEREAS, programs that address the changing needs of Arizona's children and youth at the state level are provided by many private, local, state and federal agencies; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for a single, strong voice for children and youth within the executive branch to focus on these interrelated problems affecting children and youth as part of a family system.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bruce Babbitt, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby create the Governor's Office for Children and delineate herein its responsibilities and organization.

1. The office shall:

- a. Serve as an interagency coordinator on children, youth and family programs within state government and promote coordination with federal and private agencies.
- b. Serve as the information base on children and youth programs in Arizona.
- c. Recommend priorities for children and youth services to the Governor.
- d. Organize community efforts on a statewide level around children and youth issues of statewide concern.
- e. Disseminate information on children and youth issues via publications, conferences, workshops and an annual report to the Governor on the status of Arizona's children.
- f. Provide an advocacy voice for children and youth in state policy-making.

2. The office shall:

- a. Combine the staff and resources of the Governor's Council on Children, Youth and Families, the Governor's Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Advisory Council and the Bureau of Prevention Services of the Department of Corrections.
- b. Utilize staff and resources within other departments of state government as designated by the Governor.

3. An Advisory Council to the office is established consisting of 25 members appointed by the Governor. The Council shall meet at least once each calendar quarter. Members shall serve for one to three year staggered terms. The Governor shall select members to include:

- a. Representatives of the State Departments of Economic Security, Corrections, Health Services, Education and the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System Administration.
- b. Public or private agencies or organizations delivering services to children and youth.
- c. Private citizens interested in children and youth programs.

4. A Juvenile Justice Advisory Council to the office is established consisting of not fewer than fifteen nor more than thirty-three members. The Council shall meet at least once each calendar quarter. Members shall serve for one to three year staggered terms. The Governor shall select members as required in the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 as amended in 1984.
5. A Cabinet Committee is established consisting of the Directors of the Departments of Economic Security, Corrections and Health Services and the Director of the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System Administration to ensure the coordination of services to Children, Youth and Families. The Superintendent of Public Instruction will be invited as a member. The committee shall meet at least once each calendar quarter.
6. The Office, at the direction of the Governor, may establish any advisory organizations necessary for achievement of its responsibilities.

WHEREAS, Executive Order 78-2 created the Governor's Council on Children, Youth and Families and Executive Order 82-3 created a Cabinet Committee and Interagency Council on Services to Children, Youth and their Families;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bruce Babbitt, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Arizona, order and direct that Executive Order 78-2 and Executive Order 82-3 are repealed effective March 1, 1986.

This order shall become effective March 1, 1986.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

Bruce Babbitt
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this nineteenth day of December in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-five and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Ninth.

ATTEST:

Rose Moffatt
Secretary of State